

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32, 34-38 and 40-47 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 11, 22 and 30 being the independent claims. No claims are cancelled, no new claims are added, and no claims have been amended. Paragraph [0038] of the specification is amended herein. We also note that paragraph [0038] of the application, as published in U.S. Published Application No. 2005/0118298, was printed with insubstantial errors, for example, the words "The rheological" in the application as filed were printed as "Theological." We note this error in the event that the application data is not recaptured prior to issuance of a patent to the present application. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-32, 34-38 and 40-47 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being obvious over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/261,660 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,208,052 to Schmidt *et al.*

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer which disclaims the terminal end of the patent that issues from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/261,660.

In light of this submission, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Other Matters

Since the present application was not rejected over any art of record and there are no further outstanding issues, Applicants believe the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

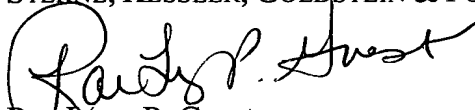
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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